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SUBJECT: ORIN PARKER

ORIN PARKER, DIRECTOR AFME BEIRUT, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON STARTING MAY 5 AND WILL CONTACT YOU. WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP OUR CONVERSATION AT BEIRUT AIRPORT BY URGING SOME SOLUTION TO AFME'S OVERLOAD, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF STUDENT COUNSELLING. AS YOU KNOW AFME SOLE COUNSELLING AND PLACEMENT SOURCE BEIRUT FOR GRADUATE PLACEMENT (ASIDE THOSE WE HANDLE FOR USG PROGRAMS). THEIR STAFF PRESENTLY TOO SMALL TO HANDLE LARGE NUMBER OF LEBANESE SEEKING GRADUATE PLACEMENT IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. EXPERIENCE OF BOTH AFME AND CONSULAR AND CULTURAL SECTIONS OF EMBASSY INDICATE ADEQUATE COUNSELLING REDUCES PROBLEMS FOR ALL CONCERNED. UNLESS AFME HAS INCREASE OF AT LEAST ONE MORE FULL-TIME COUNSELLOR, THEY CANNOT EVEN EFFECTIVELY HANDLE CURRENT LOAD. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PARKER.

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